

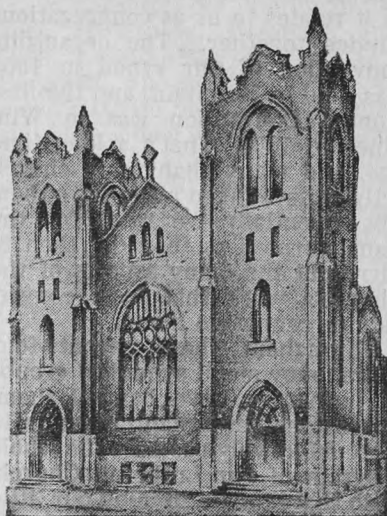
THE PARISH MESSENGER

A PERSONAL VISITOR TO THE PARISHES

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, JUNE, 1958



DR. V. J. EYLANDS
Host Pastor



First Lutheran Church
Winnipeg

WELCOME !

First Lutheran Church, Winnipeg
Welcomes you to the
74th Annual Convention
of the Icelandic Synod of the United Lutheran
Church in America
June 8th—11th, 1958

The President Speaks

For seventy-four years delegates have been coming together from the various parts of our synod to discuss and plan the Lord's work as it relates to us as congregations banded together. The organizing convention of our synod in 1885 was held in Mountain, and the first Annual Convention was in Winnipeg in 1886. That's a long time ago, and many changes in church activity have taken place since then. But essentially we meet for the same purpose as they did then to carry out the many aspects of the Church's work that local congregations cannot do alone.

Throughout these seventy-four years many small synodical groups of Lutherans have banded themselves together organizationally to more effectively promote the whole program of our Lutheran Church. With that thought in mind our little synod joined the large and strong United Lutheran Church in America eighteen years ago. We are one of 32 synods that make up this international Church which stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the northern reaches of Canada to the southern tip of Texas.

Lutheranism in North America has seen many changes in this century. The primary language of the Church is now English, and has been for quite some years. Formerly it was German, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, Slovakian, etc. . . But now the Church is truly an American and Canadian Church. There are literally thousands of families on our rolls with such names as "MacDonald," "Smith," "Jones," "Wilson," etc. The Language problem, therefore, does not

keep Lutheran groups separated from each other. Consequently Lutheranism has drawn together its lines, and with one amalgamation following another is now divided into only 15 separate general Church bodies. (There were 63 independent ones in 1911 ! !)

Mergers and amalgamations are really in the air now! Lutheran groups see no reason why they should continue to be apart, and are working on further mergers. Some of these are already in the near-formation stage, and by 1962 or '63 it is likely that Lutherans in North America will be merged into three large general Church bodies. For example, our United Lutheran Church, Augustana Church (formerly Swedish), Suomi (Finnish), and AELC (formerly Danish) are planning a merger that will probably be completed by 1962, maybe a year or two after that. These mergers are meant for only one basic purpose: Lutherans in North America will be able to witness and work more effectively together, than in different and "competing" groups. They will be able to sub-divide the large General Church bodies into geographically sound districts or synods. This means that old synodical lines will experience some

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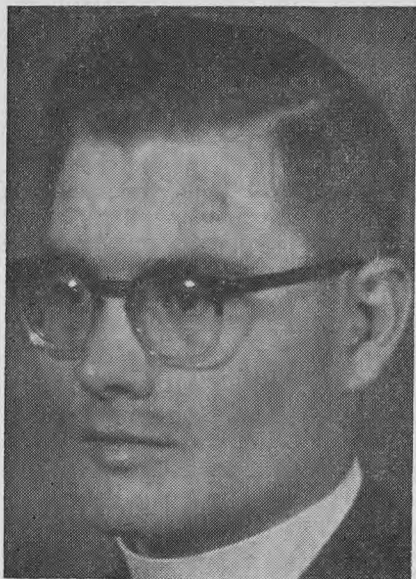
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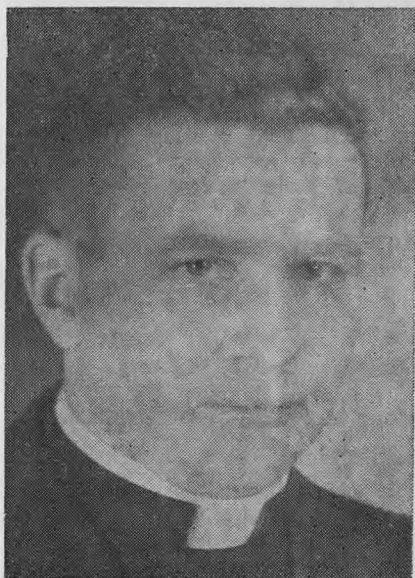
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97 Fidler Ave. — Winnipeg 12, Man.

To Be Ordained June 8, 1958



WALLACE M. BERGMAN graduated from Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in May of this year and has accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minneota, Minnesota, and the Lutheran congregation of Lincoln county, Minnesota. Mr. Bergman was born at Arborg, Manitoba, June 1933, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bergman, who now resides at Victoria, B.C. He received his primary and high school education in Gimli, and his B.A. from United College in Winnipeg. Mr. Bergman is married, his wife being the former Helen Margaret Cairns of River-ton, Manitoba. Mr. Bergman was confirmed in Gimli Lutheran Church and is at present a member of First Lutheran Church, Winni-peg.

O. DONALD OLSEN is well known to many people attending this convention as his home church is First Lutheran Church, Winnipeg. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Olsen, now of Calgary. Mr. Olson attended Daniel MacIntyre Collegiate and United College where he received his B.A. in 1954. He also graduated from Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in May of this year. Mr. Olson has accepted a call to the Argyle Lutheran Parish in Manitoba and will commence his duties on July 1, 1958. Mr. Olson is married to the former Catherine Elizabeth Brady and they have one child.



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ARGYLE

Grund Church was the scene of a wedding on Saturday, May 3rd, 1958 when Erla Joan, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Helgason, of Baldur, became the bride of James Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wankling of Brandon. Rev. Eric H. Sigmar of St. James, officiated. Mr. Baldur Oliver of Neepawa was soloist. Mrs. G. Johanneson, the bride's aunt from Vancouver, was organist. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was preceded by three attendants: her sister Christine as maid of honour, Mrs. T. Johnson and Mrs. N. Metz and little four year old Susan Helgason as flower girl. A reception was held in Baldur Memorial Hall. After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Wankling will reside in Tisdale, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. G. Johanneson of Vancouver is visiting in the district, having come to attend the wedding of her nieces, Erla Helgason of Baldur and Margaret Helgason of Glenboro.

We are sorry to report the death on April 24, of wee Douglas Merle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson of Baldur, at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. He was born January 23, 1958. A graveside service was held on April 26 in Baldur cemetery with Rev. M. Lake officiating.

Mr. August S. Arason of Glenboro passed away on April 27 after a lengthy illness. The funeral was held from Lutheran Church in Glenboro with Rev. Eric H. Sigmar of St. James officiating. Interment was in Glenboro Cemetery.

—H. Gunnlaugson

FIRST LUTHERAN WINNIPEG

A Fellowship Service was held on Sunday evening, April 13. What made this service so outstanding was the fact that for the first time in the history of the congregation, I believe, an official welcome was accorded the new members. The members welcomed were those who have joined our Church within the past two years or so.

These Fellowship Services, held two or three times a year, are held in the evening and consist of the usual form of worship at which a layman presents a short address to the congregation on some phase of the church. Following the service all are invited to partake of an hour of fellowship in the lower auditorium where coffee and dainties, prepared by the Board of Deacons, are served. Here the people meet and greet their old friends and also meet new friends.

On this occasion the new members were invited to assemble in the lower auditorium prior to the service where they were welcomed by Dr. Eylands, and the members of the Trustees, Deacons and year-round Evangelism Committee. They then proceeded up to the Church in a body and were seated in a reserved section. During the service Dr. Eylands officially welcomed the new members and Mr. Paul Goodman, the President of the Board of Trustees, welcomed them on behalf of the people of the congregation. At the informal hour that followed the service, the new members wearing identification cards, were the guests of honour. This informal gathering was enjoyed by all.

During the past two years, more than 80 members have joined our

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To Be Consecrated

SR. LAUFHEY OLSEN who is being consecrated a Deaconess on Sunday evening, June 8, was born and raised in Selkirk, Manitoba. She was an active member of our Lutheran Church there during her youth and young womanhood. She is the widow of the late Rev. Carl C. Olson who was a pastor of our Synod for many years. Sr. Laufey worked with him in the ministry in Flin Flon, Manitoba and in two parishes in the State of Nebraska. Following his death she worked as parish secretary in a Lutheran Church in Nebraska. Later she went to Baltimore Deaconess School of our United Lutheran Church and was graduated in the spring of 1957 after an intensive three year training program. She began her duties as a Parish Deaconess in the Arborg-Riverton Lutheran Parish in June 1957 where she is under the call and assignment of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America. Her assignment in the Arborg-Riverton Parish continues until September 1 of this year. She has rendered an effective and much needed service

to the parish which she has served and her work is a witness to the growing need of more Deaconesses in our Synod and in the Lutheran Church as a whole.



Sister Laufey Olson

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FIRST LUTHERAN WINNIPEG

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Church. A great deal of credit for our increased membership is due to the hard work of the year-round Evangelism Committee, which has been in operation since Lutheran Evangelism Mission of 1956.

Senior Citizen's Dinner—The annual Senior Citizen's dinner was held in the lower auditorium of

the church Saturday afternoon, May 3, 1958. This very popular event is sponsored by the Board of Deacons, who not only prepare the dinner, but also arrange for the transportation to and from the church for all the elder people who would otherwise have trouble attending. 85 people attended the dinner and 65 dinners were sent out to those unable to attend

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through sickness and infirmity. Mr. Eric Isfeld acted as chairman in the absence of Mr. Oscar Bjorklund; Miss Ingibjorg Bjarnason sang some beautiful and beloved Icelandic songs; Miss Helen Josephson showed pictures of Iceland; Mr. Paul Bardal, Rev. Robert Jack, Mrs. Elizabeth Paulson and Mr. Paul Goodman spoke briefly to the guests of honour. This dinner is the social event most anticipated by the senior citizens and all the preparation and hard work of the Board of Deacons in arranging and preparing this popular event is well worth the effort.

Halldor Bjarnason.

GIMLI PARISH

The Gimli Parish is still in the process of assessing the results of the Evangelism Mission held in the area May 4-9. We do not have the complete figures at deadline date, but we can say that we feel this mission will not stop after one intensive week, but will continue to bring results long afterwards. The group of people who experienced the rewarding work of lay visiting during the week, are determined to continue this work as it should be — all the year round, and a plan is being made which will ensure that all those who show interest in our church, those who need help, the sick and shut in, will not be forgotten, but will be visited regularly, and will be invited to share with us the benefits we receive from fellowship in our church. A Bible Study group is being formed May 18, and other study groups are being planned by interested individuals.

Two pastor's classes, one exclusively for young people, are meet-

ing and the first evening of lay visitation is scheduled for May 23. As more of our members learn the joy of sharing their faith with others and inviting them to the fellowship of the church, who can tell what great works may be wrought with the help of God?

Ethel Howard.

MOUNTAIN PARISH

FJALLA CONGREGATION

No services were held in the church between Christmas and Easter. The Christmas services were conducted by Pastor Skulason on December 22. A large number of people attended the service and the fellowship hour held afterwards at which candy and apples were passed around.

Rev. Clifton L. Monk of Winnipeg conducted a communion service here on Good Friday, April 4, and regular service on April 27 and a Mother's Day service on May 11. Our young people belong to the Luther League at Mountain and have attended the meetings regularly. The children are attending Sunday School in the Lutheran Church at Milton, N.D.

The annual meeting of the Fjalla congregation was held January 12, 1958. The council was re-elected for the coming year. Oscar Bjornson was chosen for sexton. Glen Laxdall was elected to represent our congregation at the Borg Memorial Home at Mountain for a three year term, succeeding Arman Bjarnason.

Mrs. Ethel Einarson.

GARDAR CONGREGATION

The 1958 Sunday School term began on April 13 with 65 pupils enrolled. Mrs. John Myrdal is su-

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Dr. H. T. Rasmussen Official ULCA Delegate

Official delegate to our convention from our United Lutheran Church is Dr. H. T. Rasmussen of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Rasmussen has been President of the Board of American Missions since 1957 and President of the Board of Directors of Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary since 1953. Dr. Rasmussen is pastor of Richfield Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. This church membership has outgrown their present quarters and is in process of a large building campaign to erect a new edifice.

Dr. Rasmussen brings a wealth of Church experience to our convention proceedings and will be an able and effective representative of our United Lutheran Church in America. He will address the convention on Monday afternoon and will speak again on Tuesday evening at an open program. The title of his address will be "The Whole Program of the Whole Church." We cordially welcome him to this

74th Annual Convention of this Synod.



Dr. Harold Rasmussen

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GARDAR CONGREGATION

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perintendent and Rosemary Bjornson is secretary-organist. Study material being used is the Christian Growth Series.

During the winter months small tables were built especially for use by the kindergarten pupils. Teaching this group of three-, four-, and five-year olds are Mrs. Gunna Gudmundson, Mrs. Robert Hall, and Miss Margaret Jonasson.

The dining hall in the Church

basement has been divided with curtains into three classrooms and the dining tables are used as desks. The primary class consists of grades one, two and three and Miss Villa Gudmundson and Mrs. Magnus Olafson are the instructors.

Miss Vivian Laxdall and Mrs. Stony Sigfusson teach grades four, five and six which is called the junior class.

The intermediate class of seventh and eighth graders is taught by

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Schedule For Synod Convention

Seventy-fourth Annual Convention, Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 8-11, 1958

Sunday, June 8

11.00 a.m.

Ordination Service.

Ordinands — Wallace M. Bergman, O. Donald Olsen.

Officers — President and Secretary.

Sermon — Dr. V. J. Eylands, Pastor of the Ordinands.

Delegates will be guests for dinner at the homes of their hosts.

7.00 p.m.

Consecration service for Deaconess Laufey Olson

Members of the Board of Deaconess Work and Pastors of Synod will participate in this service.

Convention Communion Service will follow the consecration service.

Official formal opening of Synod Convention.

Coffee and refreshments served by the ladies of First Lutheran Church following service.

Monday, June 9

9.00 a.m.

Devotions — Pastor E. S. Brynjolfsson, Vancouver, B.C.

Business Session:

Reports of officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairman, Stewardship Committee Chairman.

Report of Credentials Committee.

Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel.

12.00 — 1.30 p.m.

Dinner and recess. Served by the women of First Lutheran Church.

1.30 p.m.

Devotions — Pastor J. Fredriksson, Scandia, Alberta.

Roll call.

2.00 p.m.

"The Whole Program of the Whole Church"—Dr. Harold Rasmussen.

3.00 — 3.30 p.m.

Discussion, questions and answers on above address.

3.30 p.m.

Coffee break.

4.00 p.m.

Reports of Standing Committees and Auxiliaries:

Report of Betel Board. Borg Home Report.

Report of Lutheran Women's League. Discussion and resolution.

Christian Education and Youth Work — Mrs. Bonnie Bjarnason.

6.00 p.m.

Supper at First Lutheran Church.

8.00 p.m.

Youth Night. Theme: Youth Works for the Church.

Devotions: Pastor Jack Larson, pastoral adviser to the Viking Luther League of the Icelandic Synod.

Opening Remarks: Dennis Eyolfson, President Viking Luther League.

Schedule For Synod Convention (cont'd)

Address: The Rev. O. Donald Olson.

Address: The Rev. Wallace M. Bergman.

Musical numbers arranged by First Lutheran Young People's Association.

Tuesday, June 10

7.00 a.m.

Laymen's breakfast for men delegates and men of the parish. Presiding, Mr. O. Bjorklund, member Lutheran Laymen's Movement, U.L.C.A.

Address: Dr. H. Rasmussen — "What the Lutheran Laymen's Movement means to the U.L.C.A."

Remarks: Mr. N. O. Bardal, L.L.M. representative for Western Canada.

9.00 a.m.

Devotions — The Rev. John Fullmer, Gimli, Manitoba.

9.30 a.m.

Business session, continued.

Evangelism Report—The Rev. Norman Nelson, Seattle.

Viking Luther League Report. Discussion.

Social Problems — Manitoba Temperance Alliance Report.

Convention Committee on Publications.

Convention Committee on Stewardship and Sector Project.

Convention Committee on Finance.

12.00 Noon

Dinner served by the women of First Lutheran Church.

2.00 p.m.

Devotions — Sister Laufey Olson.

2.15 p.m.

Business session, continued.

Special address — the Rev. Dana Johnson, Department of Evangelism U.L.C.A. Discussion to follow.

2.45 p.m.

Report of Convention Committee for Homes for the Aged.

Report of Convention Committee for Evangelism.

3.30 p.m.

Coffee break.

4.00 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.

Open Convention Discussion on:

Lutheran World Action.

Home and Foreign Missions.

Laymen's work. (Exploring synodical laymen's organizations).

6.00 p.m.

Supper served by the Women of First Lutheran Church.

8.00 p.m.

"The Whole Program of the Whole Church."

Opening devotions—The Rev. Norman Nelson, Seattle.

Address — Dr. Harold Rasmussen, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Schedule For Synod Convention (cont'd)

Address—Rev. Olafur Skulason, Mountain, N.D.: "Reflections on Contemporary Church Life in Iceland."

Remarks by laymen of the Synod (Names to be announced).

Musical numbers arranged by the choirs of First Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, June 11

9.00 a.m.

Devotions — The Rev. E. Day, Selkirk, Manitoba.

Roll Call.

9.30 a.m.

Election of officers.

Unfinished business.

New business.

Official closing of Synod.

12.00 Noon

Dinner served by the Women of First Lutheran Church.

1.30 p.m.

Chartered bus to Betel Home, Gimli, Manitoba.

3.00 — 5.00 p.m.

Convention visit to Betel Home.

Delegates will register at First Lutheran Church on Saturday evening, June 7, from 7.00 to 10.00 p.m., and again on Sunday morning both before and after the ordination service.

Sunrise Lutheran Camp Schedule For 1958

Sunrise Lutheran Camp opens its doors for another season of Christian training for our young people beginning Sunday, July 6, 1958. We are sorry that Mrs. S. Olafsson finds it impossible to serve another year as Director of the camp. But the Executive Board of the Camp is happy to announce that they have secured the services of Miss Inga Bjarnason to act as this year's Camp Director. The pastors of the synod have again volunteered to act as Deans for the various camping sessions and we are expecting a large attendance for each age group.

The registration for one week of camp is the same for this year as for last year — \$12.50 per person. If two from a family enroll the cost will be \$25.00.

The schedule is as follows:

July 6-12—Seniors (14 and over

mixed, or confirmed and over).

July 13-19—12 and 13 year old boys and girls.

July 20-26—Girls, 9, 10 and 11.

July 27-Aug. 2—7 and 8 boys and girls.

Aug. 3-9—Boys, 9, 10 and 11.

On the opening day, Sunday, July 6, there will be a dedication service of a new dormitory and a crafts building. One of the old dormitories is being remodelled into a crafts building. People at our synod are cordially invited to visit Sunrise Camp on this afternoon to attend this special service and official opening of camp. Pastors Larson, Fullmer, Skulason, Olsen, Bergman, Eylands and Sigmar will be all giving their time as leaders during these camping sessions as well as many lay leaders.

The Camp Committee

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GARDAR CONGREGATION

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Miss Paula Geston and Mrs. Richard Thomasson.

In the church proper Mrs. John Page, a local high school teacher, conducts the senior class for post confirmants.

Church services in Gardar at 10 a.m. on Good Friday were very well attended. Reverend Monk gave the sermon and the choir sang several selections. These songs were also presented at "Borg" on Easter Sunday at 7 p.m.

The local Luther League sponsored a clothing drive on behalf of Lutheran World Action during the week of April 20-27. Also, the League invited a deputation team from the Lutheran Student Association at the University of North Dakota to conduct a service in the Gardar Church on May 4th. A sermon on stewardship was given by Mr. Jere Paddock while Reverend Monk was in charge of the liturgy. Afterwards a buffet luncheon was served in the church parlors by the League.

Eighteen Gardar Luther League members and their adult supervisor, Mrs. Richard Thomasson, motored to Winnipeg the weekend of May 9-11. They were in charge of the recreation program during the first Synodical Convention of the Viking Luther League. The official delegates were Rosemary Bjornson, Paula Geston, Margaret Jonasson, Vivian Laxdal and Walter Flanagan. Paula was re-elected vice-president and Walter was elected treasurer of the Viking Luther League. Paula was also chosen as an alternate to represent the Viking Luther League at the church synod convention to be held in Winnipeg in June.

Pastor Skulason and his family have just returned from Iceland. Regular services were conducted in his absence by visiting ministers.

Mrs. T. S. Sigfusson.

VIDALIN

We have indeed enjoyed Pastor Monk's services for the past months and we know his sermons have been an inspiration to all who attended.

Sunday School opened for the summer session April 13, with 38 enrolled. Mr. Ray Becker is again the superintendent and is assisted by the following teachers: Mrs. Gisli Sampson, Mrs. Clayton Morrison, Mrs. Mike Bjornson, Mrs. Orville Thorlakson, Phyllis Magnusson, Norma Jean, Patricia and Carole Cloughton.

The Men's Club of the Mountain Parish are making plans to have Pastor Eric Sigmar and his minstrel entertainers of Winnipeg present their program in the Mountain Hall in the near future.

At a meeting of the congregation Mrs. G. T. Johnson and Mrs. Harry Johnson were chosen as delegates to the Synodical Convention. Mrs. Gisli Sampson and Mr. Wm. Varatson are alternates.

Mrs. E. M. Erlendson

HALLSON

First, I must tell you our Pastor, Rev. Skulason and his very fine family are back with us, from a three month trip to their native land, Iceland. We are more than thrilled to have them with us again and to know that they had a wonderful visit with their people. We did hear that Pastor Skulason was a very busy man attending meetings and giving talks. If this was a vacation Pastor, maybe it wasn't
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HALLSON

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altogether, but I'm sure it was enjoyed by all.

Our parishes were served by Rev. Monk, of Winnipeg, during Pastor Skulason's absence and he did a very fine job. We thank him very much. Mother's Day services were held at Peter's Church. For this a choir practice was held and a special anthem was included. This day, and also Father's Day services, mean much to us all.

Rev. Monk held Good Friday and Easter services for us and these were well attended.

We here at Hallson have started our short season Sunday School and have a nice little group of children attending. We have a wonderful group of teachers and superintendent. May we gain much in our short time together.

Our parishes were asked by Rev. Monk for used clothing. This was gathered and taken to the Church at Mountain and from there trucked to Grand Forks, N.D. We sincerely hope it will help someone not as fortunate as we in the possession of material things.

We are looking forward to our Vacation School to be held in Mountain in June.

Mrs. Emily Spangelo

VIKUR

A Communion Service was held on Palm Sunday, March 30 and Easter services on Easter Sunday at ten o'clock. We are very fortunate in having such men as Dr. Treusch and Rev. Monk to conduct services during a pastor's absence. Regular services were held by Rev. Monk through May 4th. The children's choir sang at the May 4th service and their singing was en-

joyed by everyone. We are looking forward to hearing them again. The Mountain Choir sang Easter Anthems at Borg on April 13, with Rev. Underbahr of Edinburg serving as Pastor.

Sunday School commenced April 13, with an enrolment of 68 pupils and 10 teachers. Arnold Christianson is serving as Superintendent and Margaret Olgeirson and Harriet Hanson as organists.

The Men of the Church meet regularly every month. The main discussion at a recent meeting was to inquire about getting prayer books to send to each family in the parish.

Mr. Al Okeson, a Concordia College graduate, conducted the Confirmation class during Rev. Skulason's absence. We would like to thank him.

Rev. and Mrs. Olafur Skulason and Gudrun Ebba returned Sunday, May 11, from their trip to Iceland, and all reports indicate they had a wonderful time. We are all very happy to have them back with us again.

Arnold Christianson

POINT ROBERTS, WASH.

We have been having services regularly every second and fourth Sunday of the month and these have been well received and well attended. Our Easter service was especially lovely, when four young children were baptized and three young adults were confirmed. The two infant daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lary Sand, Sheryl Lynne and Margene Agnes, and two children of Mr. and Mrs. George Kimble, Kathy and David, were baptized. Confirmants were Kristin Gudrun Thorsteinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arni Thorsteinson; James Henry Julius, son of Mr. and Mrs. (Please Turn to Page Thirteen)

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POINT ROBERTS, WASH.

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Carl Julius; Bill Lane Van Odsten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lendert Van Odsten. Special music was provided by Walter Vopniford and the Sunday School children.

The Sunday School has been increasing, and we had a very pleasant time at our picnic, which was held on April 28. We all assembled at the Beach, where we roasted wieners and played games. After a lot of fun we gathered at the home of Mrs. Irene Waters when we showed slides of former picnics and views of interest of the Point and other places.

We are looking forward to continued activity in our work here and invite anyone to join us in our Worship Services should anyone be visiting our vicinity this summer.

Mrs. A. Thorsteinson

SELKIRK

Our Church membership has increased very satisfactorily since the beginning of the year and more and more of our members are assisting in the work of the Church.

We are proud and happy to learn that a former member of our Congregation, Sister Laufey Olson, is to be consecrated as a Deaconess at the June convention of our Synod. We wish her all success in her chosen work.

The Parish will hold its first Daily Vacation Bible School next August with Pastor and Mrs. Day as co-supervisors. Our Junior Luther League is very active with a membership of approximately 90 young people.

Our Pastor was missionary at Geyser Lutheran Church during mission week. Several members of the senior choir travelled to Geysir on

Sunday, May 4th to assist in the service.

Christie Johnson

VANCOUVER

The event that is uppermost in my mind is the Cantata, the Darkest Hour, by Harold Moore, which was sung on Good Friday in the Icelandic Church, Vancouver. A large audience filled the church. A choir of 32 voices was conducted by Mr. L. H. Thorlakson and accompanied by both piano and organ. Soloists were Mrs. Anna McLeod, Mrs. Margaret Davidson, Mr. Beatty and Mr. Alvin Blondal. The whole performance was inspiring — the leader, choir and soloists all seemed to give of their very best to make this an outstanding and unforgettable event in the history of our church.

On Palm Sunday, Holy Communion was observed at both services. Several new members joined the church. April 13 was Confirmation Sunday and six young people affirmed the vows given by their parents on their behalf, in infancy at their baptism.

Gudlaug Johannesson

LANGRUTH

Sunday after Easter Pastor Eric Sigmar preached the age old, yet ever new Easter message to a capacity filled audience.

Our attendance has been increasing steadily, due to added interest and to Pastor Sigmar's inspired messages.

Eight members of our Luther League attended the Luther League Convention held at First Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, May 9, 10 and 11. Five members attended as delegates. The convention was much enjoyed by all who attended.

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LANGRUTH

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On Pentecost, May 25, a confirmation service will be held. A group of six fine young people will make their confirmation vows. They are: Helga Elizabeth Sigurdson, Frances Lorraine Both, Betty Anne Morecher, Kenneth Orville Hildebrand, Bjorn Franklin Lasson and Norman John Arnason.

Elizabeth H. Bjarnarson

ST. STEPHENS

The focus of attention at St. Stephen's this spring is the building of our church! May has been a busy month for the Building Committee with meetings and sessions to plan the Building Fund Drive the end of May. Guest at the Building Fund Dinner on May 23rd will be Dr. R. H. Gerberding, former head of the Board of American Missions, now retired in Minneapolis. If this year's drive for pledges for the coming twelve months is successful the congregation hopes to break ground this fall.

Thirty-six members of the congregation took part in the Talent Show this spring shortly after Easter. The program was presented twice in St. James with attendances of over 800. The program is being taken to Mountain, N.D. on June 1.

Our Luther League co-operated with the First Lutheran Luther League in hosting the First Annual

Convention of the synodical Viking Luther League in Winnipeg, May 9th - 11th. Our League is growing in numbers and activity. They are active in the whole program of our congregation, including regular attendance at worship service.

Confirmation Service will be on Whitsunday, followed by a Fellowship Hour for the confirmands and other new members that day.

A brass Altar Cross will be dedicated at the worship service on June 1st. It is a memorial gift, given in memory of the first member of our congregation who was called away by death.

The Annual Sunday School Picnic will be held on June 22nd at Colmer's Grove near Beausejour.

The President Speaks

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changes, but only for one purpose: the more effective administration of the Church's work.

After 1959 we will know more of the details of these merger proposals. They will then be discussed by the individual synods. In the meantime we will continue to work in our present framework, but with our minds open to the fact that better and more effective plans are being organized for the Lutheran Church in North America to perform its God-given tasks.

—The Rev. Eric H. Sigmar

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The Stewardship Secretary Speaks

If we saw a neighbor's house or barn on fire, would we stand by and do nothing or turn our back to the obvious need for help?

If we saw a stranger drowning or in trouble in one of our rivers, would we ignore his danger and hurry home to cut our lawn or tend some other personal chore?

If we saw a fellow human sinking slowly into the depths of some pool of quicksand, would we ignore his plight because it would cause us some personal inconvenience to assist him?

Of course we wouldn't ignore these needs, dangers, and plights of our fellow humans because they are before us in full view and would not have to be imagined.

WHY THEN DO WE APPEAR TO HAVE SO LITTLE REGARD FOR FELLOW HUMANS WHOSE NEEDS, DANGERS, AND PLIGHTS ARE JUST AS REAL?

These, of course, are the ones our benevolent dollars go to assist, in all parts of the world, by taking to

them the words of Jesus Christ. This is just as important an Evangelism program as those being carried on in many of our Congregations. This is truly carrying the word of God into all the world.

There are some who will say we should take care of our local problems first, and all Congregations certainly have them. However this is to deny the needs, dangers, and plights of our fellow humans because of a certain personal inconvenience. What we must all remember is that giving is the physical expression of our love for Jesus Christ. Each one must have that love. One person cannot give out of another person's love for God and the Saviour. Any words that I write cannot impress you or influence your giving unless your Faith is strong, your Gratitude is sacrificial, and your Love is complete. "GIVE, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU."

R. B. Vopni

Sunday School Teachers Rally

Sunrise Lutheran Camp

June 28-29, 1958

Saturday Afternoon:

1.30 Worship—Pastor E. Day.

1.45 Welcome.

2.00 - 2.45 Evangelism—Pastor V. J. Eylands, D.D.

2.45 Presentation — "Growth in Christ." Group Leader, Pastor E. Sigmar.

(a) In Home—Mr. Archie McNicholl.

(b) In Sunday School — Mr. Ken Honey.

(c) In Luther League — Mrs. B. Bjarnason.

(d) In Congregation — Mr. Ross Hamilton.

4.30 - 5.00 Business and Election of Officers.

5.00 - 6.00 Swim.

6.00 - 7.00 Supper Hour.

7.00 - 7.45 Open Discussion in Prayer—Leader, Mrs. Day.

7.45 - 8.30 Film - Film Strips - Methods. Leader, Pastor J. Fullmer.

7.30 - 8.00 Sunrise Service—Pastor E. Sigmar.

8.00 - 9.00 Breakfast and Farewells.

FEE: \$1.50 per day..

The Treasurer Speaks

	Benevolence General	L.W.A.	Betel	Other
First Lutheran, Winnipeg	\$500.00			
Icelandic Lutheran, Vancouver ..	800.00			
Riverton, Manitoba	28.75			
Calvary, Seattle	550.29	180.65	\$44.46	
Gimli Lutheran, Gimli	305.15			
Ardal, Arborg	108.70			
Lundar, Manitoba	100.00			
St. Paul's, Minneota	75.20	25.00		
Langruth, Manitoba				10.00
St. Stephen's, St. James	430.88	56.80		
Vidalins, N.D.	133.30			
Geysir, Manitoba	15.00			
Hnausa, Manitoba	22.00			
Vidir, Manitoba	11.90			
Arnes, Manitoba	12.00			
Hallson, N.D.		6.00		
Bru, Manitoba				10.00
Grund, Manitoba	147.60			
Point Roberts, Washington	10.00	25.00		
Selkirk, W.M.S.	100.00			
	<u>\$3,350.77</u>	<u>\$293.45</u>	<u>\$44.46</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
Remitted to U.L.C.A.	2,200.00	293.45		10.00
Remitted to Betel			44.46	
Remitted to March of Dimes ..				10.00
	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	<u>293.45</u>	<u>44.46</u>	<u>20.00</u>

I am reporting to you, as above, the Benevolence Receipts of Synod for the period January 1, 1958 to May 20, 1958. The foregoing shows only those congregations from whom remittances have been received. At Convention, a list as above will be prepared including all monies received up to and including June 5, 1958.

Many of our congregations are now remitting monthly which assists greatly the conduct of Synodical affairs.

—O. Bjorklund

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